

Setting talking together, Millan
came up and drew a pistol
on you threatening to kill you
because as he said you had
been talking about him you
were unarmed but I was
not and Millan knew it
I knew the Corcoran also not
I shot you I think it was
the day before I with two of
the boys were ordered to arrest
him and I know we brought
him after others had been
sent for him and failed
perhaps you don't know what
became of him he came on
to New Orleans after being
discharged killed a man
with a Bowie knife was
tried there found guilty
and hung so much for

Millan
John J. Smith

From your old comrade
James L. Luckenbach San Francisco

Now Dr I would request of
you to drop a line to —
Mrs W. D. Aiken at San Francisco
telling him whether you
remember me or not I remember
you since I heard of your name
and I think you told me you
were from Philadelphia
I recollect too that you are
Lame, but I have no
recollection of you after we
left Valencia My object is
to obtain satisfactory ^{or proof} evidence
with regard to my being the
person applying for the pension
I am now 62 years old and
poor and think we certainly
are entitled to it it is now
some 39 years ago since we
were together, Please address
your letter to

Comrade W. D. Aiken
San Francisco